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SYNOPSIS OF THE PLAY ✓

The "Fighting Brocktons" held Little Smoky as their own before the government set it aside as a forest and game preserve. Resenting the coming of the law, they issued the challenge that they would hunt and timber where they pleased.

Bob Hayne, a Forest Ranger, was greatly troubled by the Brocktons' threat, for he loved their daughter, Anne. Jealousy stirred Anne's heart when Gita, a gypsy princess, was defended by Bob from unwelcome attentions and, in turn, saved by Gita from an Indian's vengeance.

Bob's close watch of the Brocktons was rewarded when he caught Anne's father removing his victim from a trap, and arrested him. Anne asked Bob to let him go for her sake. When he refused, she distracted his attention, thus enabling "Buddy" to get away with the evidence. Accordingly, the verdict was "Not guilty."

Antagonized by Bob's remark that "Little dogs travel in a pack," Ed Brockton fought Bob. Ed fell off the cliff into a rocky pool, and the alarm was given that the Ranger had killed a Brockton. Bloodhounds were used, but the night search was impeded by a terrific mountain thunder storm.

Anne, repentant and at last aware of the measure of her love, tried to mislead the hounds. To her dismay she led them to the deserted cabin where he had gone for shelter. When the posse arrived, they were surprised to find Ed alive and on the best of terms with his former enemy. He related in glowing words, how Bob had saved his life. That night the Brocktons and the Ranger, representing the law, came to terms of peace.

Elsewhere that night drama rode upon the storm, for Tom Brockton, a shell-shocked veteran of the World War, regained his mind and his manhood, and won the love of the gypsy, Gita.

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